

**SANITATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012
4:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, ROOM 210
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Members Polled: Commissioner Sebastian Santacroce
Commissioner John Uccello
Commissioner Anthony Marino
Commissioner Thomas Goglia

Absent: Commissioner Mary Augustine
Commissioner Sebastian Santacroce

Staff Present: William Russo, Director of Public Works

Acting Chair Tony Marino opened the Sanitation meeting. He requested approval of Sanitation minutes dated October 25, 2011 and February 28, 2012 (corrected date on agenda). Commissioner Uccello moved to approve they were seconded and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

City resident, Bhushan Babajiyavar, 57 West Street addressed the Commission regarding his Sanitation billing. He feels that the administrative charge for those living in the Sanitation District and not using the Sanitation service is unfair. He would like to know if the State Statue could be changed for those not using the service. Director Russo advised that the City cannot change this State Statue.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 4a – Rate Increase to Commercial and Administrative Accounts.

Item 4B – 2012-2013 Budget – Director Russo reviewed the proposed budget and advised that when the most recent Sanitation employee retired, we reclassified that position to require a CDL license.

He reported the Workman's Compensation line item went up along with the Health Insurance line item. He also reported the hauling fee and tipping fee will be going up. He reported that the garbage tonnage figure has gone down slowly but is going in the right direction thanks to our Recycling Coordinator, Kim O'Rourke.

He said he's requesting a three percent Sanitation rate increase for commercial and administrative accounts due to our costs for rental of sanitation vehicles when our vehciles are down and cost of dumpsters replacements.

Commissioner Marino asked for a motion to approve the Sanitation budget. Commissioner Uccello moved to approve. It was seconded and approved.

Commissioner Marino asked for a motion to approve the three percent increase in Sanitation charges. Commissioner Goglia moved to approve. It was seconded and approved.

OTHER

Commissioner Goglia asked about the letter sent out for a delinquent Sanitation accounts. He felt the letter was unnecessarily harsh. Director Russo advised that the letters are sent by an outside attorney and are usually for very delinquent accounts.

As there was no other business, Commissioner Uccello moved to close the meeting at 4:45. Motion was seconded and approved.

Prepared by:

William Russo
Director of Public Works